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**Duxbury Clipper**

## **'Preserving the 20th Century' Kicks off with Hale Lecture**

On April 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Duxbury Senior Center, Bob Hale will kick off the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society's "Preserving the 20th Century" project with a lecture on Duxbury in the 1950s.

Hale, who moved to Duxbury in 1950 to work with the Duxbury Playhouse, will share some reminiscences about the days of Clara's Restaurant, white ducks and Keds, and a variety of other memories. Slides of Duxbury in the 1950s and 60s from the DR&HS archives will accompany his talk.

The Society's "Preserving the 20th Century" initiative is an effort to collect and preserve photographs from the 20th century before they are lost. One frequently wonders what the Society's collection would be like if a focused effort had been made around 1900 to gather contemporary, local photographs and other records.

Now is the time to gather archival material pertaining to the 20th century. Given the unprecedented change that took place after the 1950s, future generations will surely look back with great curiosity at this period of Duxbury's history. The new initiative will help make sure that enough information is passed on to leave a meaningful heritage.

You may think your 1980 photo of your house is not historically significant, but think again. To future researchers, it will be a gem. The same is true of your 1965 photo of the 4th of July parade, or your 1978 view of storm damage on your street.

Attendees will be encouraged to go through their photographs and other memorabilia that document life in Duxbury in the 20th century and to consider donating items to the Society. Items spanning the entire century will be grateful-



**The Duxbury Playhouse at Bay Farm, c. 1947.**

ly accepted. Items that document the middle part of the century, from 1925-1975 are of particular interest. Thanks to digital reproduction, photo shops can easily duplicate even the oldest photographs. Copies will be happily accepted.

Plan to attend the April 27 trip down memory lane. Refreshments will be served. If you have questions about the lecture or the Preserving the 20th Century initiative, please call the Society's office at 781-934-6106.